

**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
(Under 37 CFR 1.97(b) or 1.97(c))**

Docket No.
H0005237

In Re Application Of: Gary B. Zulauf, et al.

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10/662,593	9/15/2003	Grant, Alvin J.		3723	1291

Title: FILTER CAP HAVING A GRIPPING SURFACE

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37 CFR 1.97(b)

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37 CFR 1.97(c)

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- the statement specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e);

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- the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

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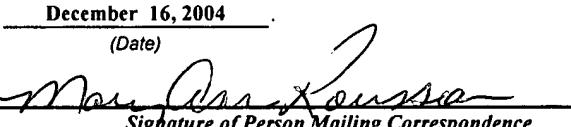
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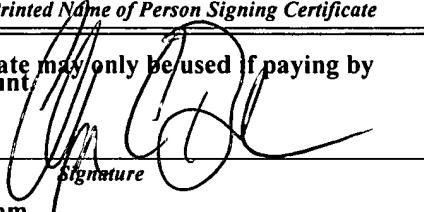
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Invention: **FILTER CAP HAVING A GRIPPING SURFACE**

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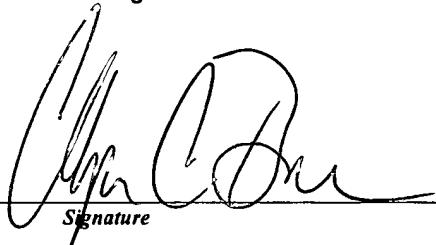
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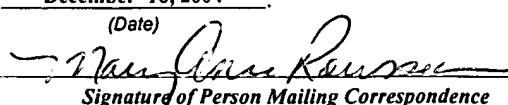
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	4,388,187	06/14/1983	Dustin D. Eaglestone	210	232	03/18/1982
	6,080,310	06/27/2000	Jerry Bolser, et al.	210	238	03/17/1999

U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATIONS

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	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	EP 0 811 411 A2	12/10/1997	Europe	B01D	27/08		
	EP 1 285 683 A1	02/26/2003	Europe	B01D	29/96	✓	
	GB 656 209 A	08/15/1951	Great Britain	44	E1	✓	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

European International Search Report for PCT/US2004/030193 dated November 18, 2004

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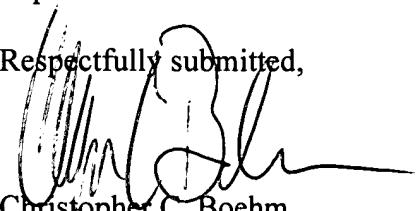
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